

# PTO MINUTES

## SS Palmer/Parkside Elementary PTO Minutes

October 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo King at 7:13 p.m.

### In attendance

Mary Jo King – Present, Nicki Frank - Present, Brigitte White – Present, Christine Lesher – Present, Lisa Lesher - Present

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the September's meeting and approved. Sue Novak made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Jen Shinsky.

### Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was read from May and September's meetings and approved. Jen Shinsky made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Michele O'Neill.

**Membership** – report given by Brigitte White. Total members on the website is 343 and membership money is \$384. Donations are \$353.10 totaling \$740.10. The highest percentage of membership in one class was 66% earned by Mrs. Wampole's class. The winners received a pizza party which is scheduled for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

### Old Business – Committee Reports

- **Fall Festivities** – Report was given by Mary Jo King. There is a committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Palmerton Hotel. The discussion will be ideas for the treats for the children. If you have any ideas for treats, please contact Tiffani or Mary Jo with your ideas. Please keep in mind that the treats will be for over 600 children. On Thursday we will then decide on a time and date when we will be working on the treats, which it is normally the night before the festivities. An email will be sent out letting people know when and where to help. The fall festivities will be October 26<sup>th</sup> in the park for both Parkside and SS Palmer. Volunteers will be needed that day as well.
- **Festival update** – Report given by Michele O'Neill. This year sales were the best ever. We made \$1716. We sold over 450 dumplings and 467 crepes. We sold out of the apple dumplings by mid-day Sunday. We really did well with the dumplings so he is on the calendar for next year come festival. Thank you so much for all your help during the festival with planning and all the work in the stand. Unfortunately, this year was the smallest amount of volunteers. Please keep in mind to help next year. Especially with the Kindergarten parents. Some parents don't know or realize that they can assist that early in the year.
- **Fall Fundraiser** – Report given by Brigitte White and Lisa Kistler. We sold 1810 apple dumplings and profit was \$2534. The top 22 sellers were given a \$10 subway gift card donated by Nothing but Dumplings to thank us for a get fundraiser. Delivery day on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> went well. Charleston Wrap fundraiser ended on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some orders are still coming in. So far we collected \$13,410.49. Delivery will be coming two days: November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 and Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-11. Pick up will be November 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-6. We will need a lot of help to unload the truck and sort. On Tuesday we definitely need a lot of help due to the lack of availability of the committee chairs.
- **Kidstuff Book** – Report given by Jen Tobia. So far we sold 230 books which is around \$5700. 90 books are still out. Hopefully people will return. A reminder will be sent home for parents to return the unsold books.
- **Halloween Parade** – Report given by Mary Jo due to the absence of Jenn Platts and Joe Gostonyi. The Halloween parade is Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The theme will be Spongebob Square pants. Flyers will be

going home soon. An email was sent today through the Yahoo group informing every one of the details about the parade. A meeting will be later this week to discuss further. They do ask if your child is participating, that a donation of \$5 is given to go towards the cost of the shirt for your child to wear. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jenn Platts 484-866-1315.

- **Clothing and Costume Swap** – Report given by Angie Balch. Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 will be at the high school cafeteria. The bins were placed outside both school entrances today. We will be at the high school on Saturday at 9 a.m. to setup. Lots of help will be needed for sorting and such. If you have a lot of items and want to drop off at our homes prior to the event, please contact Angie or Brigitte and schedule a drop off. Flyers should be going home this week. In addition, the book swap will also be on this day. Larissa Kimmel is head of the book swap. If you have books that you would like to drop off on her porch, her address is 250 Columbia Avenue.
- **Parkside Book Fair** – Reported by Nicki due to Lindsey's absence. The fall book fair at Parkside was a cash profit of \$565.04, which we are right on track from last year.
- **S.S. Book Fair** – There is no school on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> but the set up will be Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the PTO room 108. Shopping for the children will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Friday by noon, should be ready for tear down. Thursday is family night and Market day is also that day. If anyone would like to donate cookies for Family night it would be appreciated. Help will be needed for set up and teardown.
- **Dance** – Report given by Angie Balch. The first dance will be Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 right after school and set up will be at 1:30 p.m. Donations and Chaperons will be needed. Donations of baked goods, drinks, snacks, individual wrapped items, etc. A meeting will be at Angie's house on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to discuss dance preparation. Angie's address is 868 Lafayette Avenue and contact number 484-357-8169 if you would like to attend. Your child does not have to be in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade to donate, volunteer and/or chaperone. A donation for this is an easy way to earn PTO points.
- **Market Day** – Report given by Pam Andrews. Thank you for everyone that purchased and unloaded the truck in September. Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is the next pick up. This Friday is the last day to place your order. You can order online as well. If you order online there are a lot of coupons and specials. Help will be needed on Thursday to unload, sort and distribute starting at 6:00 p.m. and pick up is from 7-8 p.m. The Market day money goes towards the 6<sup>th</sup> graders yearbooks. There are 88 students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year.
- **Health Fair** – Report given by Larissa Kimmel. The fair will be held on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Beltzville State Park from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. All kinds of health screenings and flu shots will be available. The flu shots will be \$39.50. They will accept your insurance if it covers flu shots. If you have questions please contact Larissa at the end of the meeting.
- **Beautification** – Reported given by Mary Jo. If anyone has any fall plants or décor such as mums or pumpkins to decorate the outside of the schools, a donation would be appreciated. It is nice to see the schools decorated for the fall during Family night book fair and fall festivities.

### **New Business - Committee Reports**

- **Year book** – Year books are here and the SS Palmer student's yearbooks were in the teacher's boxes today. Parkside will be distributed tomorrow. If you ordered a year book and didn't receive one please contact Pam at [pandrews@palmerton.org](mailto:pandrews@palmerton.org). There are extra yearbooks if you are interested in purchasing, which are \$19 per book. New this year...You can unload pictures from field trips, school events and such, but you can only upload ten pictures at a time on the Lifetouch website. Only Pam and the year book staff will see the pictures. Pictures are needed for the upcoming yearbook. Field trip pictures and event pictures will be needed. If you aren't comfortable doing the uploading directly on the website, you can still put the pictures on a CD and give to Pam.
- **Santa's Workshop** – reported by Mary Jo due to Anne Howard's absence. The workshop set up is Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon and children can shop the rest of the week. The event is scheduled for both schools during the first week of December. Lindsey will head the Parkside and Anne will head SS Palmer. Friday will be clean up. Parkside will probably be only 2 days. We look for donations of wrapping paper, tape, sticker

labels and etc. for the kids to wrap their own items. This is easy PTO points to earn. The kids get very excited when they go shopping for their loved ones. The PTO does not profit from this. It is just an opportunity for our little ones to shop and be a part of the holiday season.

- **Christmas Gifts** – report given by Lisa Leshner. There will be a meeting on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the PTO room 108, just to get ideas together and select any item for a Christmas gift to the children. We try to reach the \$7-\$8 price range. If you have any ideas, please bring them along to share and discuss. Due to the fact that the gift is for the children from Santa, we ask that you don't bring your children. These gifts are purchased using the Fall Fundraiser money from the items we sold. December 20<sup>th</sup> will be Santa's visit. Each child will be receiving a gift from Santa.
- **Bingo** – Report given by Anne Cronk. They are looking for a date sometime in February 2013. It is a family friendly bingo. The cost is \$10 per bingo ticket. We try to make sure that each child goes home with a prize whether it is big or small. We have to check with Aqua Fire Co to see what dates are available. When you are doing your holiday shopping, please think of the PTO for donations of Board games, video games, movie passes, etc. for prizes to be given out. If you donate a video game, a receipt must be accompanied with the item. On a receipt there is only a 30 day or so return policy of video games. The prize amount ranges around a \$30 level. If anyone knows of a business that would donate, that would be great and we will advertise the business through their donation. If you have any questions contact Becky or Anne. Anything that is donated please mark your name and child's name to ensure you receive your PTO points. Also, please think of the PTO if you should have baskets that you would like to donate. More information will be out in the next couple months regarding the bingo.
- **School Board meeting** is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Parkside Education Center. There was a meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> but was postponed due to weather.
- **Mary Jo report** – There were a lot of questions about the Giant rewards bonus card. When you sign up under our school we receive points and money from what you spend. There was a form sent home in the beginning of the school year to fill out with your membership card number. Mrs. Brumbach takes your information and sets it up. It is a Giant policy that the school must register you. You as an individual can't. The money goes in a student activities account for THIS school. Not the district. This fund must benefit the whole school not just one organization or group. Example: The money can be used for an assemble. PTO does not receive this money. Last year the PTO paid for the yearbook stipend because it was taken out of the school budget. The check we received last year from Giant paid the stipend from last year. \$700 was the total money that was put in the student activities fund received from Giant. PTO still needs to write the check to the district for the stipend. \$849.26 was the total stipend. PTO is not asked to pay the whole stipend. Receiving the check from Giant is to offset of some of the cost that Mrs. Brumbach may ask the PTO for due to budget cuts. The check will go towards a field trip, so the district will write the PTO a check. Christine asked the timeline of this because she started to pay for field trips for already. You do not have to be in the area to register under our school for the school to receive points for us to earn money.
- **Box tops** – Report given by Jen Sterner. The Box tops winning class for September was Mrs. Fantasia. In September, we collected \$308.60 and 1458 points for labels on education. She will be submitting everything by November 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Field trip** – The first field trip is going to Byler's farm on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> unfortunately, there is no rain date. Remember your cameras and rain boots!!

### Principal's Report

- Principal Mary Brumbach was absent this meeting. If anyone has anything that is school related please contact her.

### Door Prize

### Next Meeting

November 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in S.S Palmer cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 p.m. and was passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Sue Novak and seconded by Angie Balch.